

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES
July 13, 2009**

PRESENT: Okie Allen, HIS; Edward W. Korabic, PhD; Alma Peters, MS, MBA; Marilyn S. Workinger, PhD; Peter J. Zellmer, AuD; David Friedland, MD; Thomas Fisher, AuD and Terrence Greenleaf, HIS

EXCUSED: Bruce Baier, Consumer Representative

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Ruby Jefferson-Moore, Legal Counsel; Ben Hanes, Bureau Assistant; and DRL Staff

GUESTS: Joseph Hulwi, Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals (WAHP); Laura Feldhake, Wisconsin Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Association (WSHA); Christina Zenga, WAHP; Jeremy Levin, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC); Scott Chase, WAHP

CALL TO ORDER

Okie Allen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum of eight members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Alma Peters moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2009 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Budget Report

Tom Ryan reported to the Board on the newly approved budget. Changes include a new line item providing for a separate bureau at the Department for the medical examining board, medical affiliated credentialing boards and councils. The overall impact of the budget on Boards and the Department was also discussed.

E-Credential

Tom Ryan informed the Board that as of this month (July 2009) licensees may renew their credentials online and print them directly, rather than having them mailed by the Department.

DRL Outreach

Tom Ryan noted that Secretary Jackson has been traveling the state to educate the public about the Department as part of an ongoing outreach campaign.

WISCONSIN ALLIANCE OF HEARING PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Joseph Hulwi appeared before the Board. He noted that The Alliance (WAHP) is seeking a rule mandating two hours of instruction in professional responsibilities/ethics as part of the continuing education requirements for re-licensure by the Board. The Board agreed to defer discussion on this issue until its next meeting (October 5th).

HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST AND AUDIOLOGIST EXAM EQUIVALENCY – DISCUSS STATE COMPARATIVE DATA RELATED TO RECIPROCITY – APPEARANCE – GAIL PIZARRO, OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS

Gail Pizarro reported to the Board on the practices of adjacent states, as well as some other states around the country. The Board discussed possible factors for granting reciprocity, such as years of experience and whether the candidate has passed a practical exam in his or her state of licensure. The Board favored a case-by-case approach over reciprocity agreements with certain states.

MOTION: David Friedland moved, seconded by Thomas Fisher, to not accept reciprocity from any State with regard to licensure of hearing instrument specialists, and to address requests for reciprocity on a case-by-case basis. Motion carried unanimously.

TELEHEALTH - DISCUSSION

The Board discussed telehealth issues and noted that there would be a lecture on the topic at the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) Conference in September. Board members attending the conference agreed to report on the discussion at the next meeting.

WISCONSIN ALLIANCE OF HEARING PROFESSIONALS (WAHP) PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION – BOARD REVIEW

Noted in the WAHP report above.

DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTION RELATING TO PROPOSED REVISIONS TO WIS. STATS., CH. 459 (LRB-2757/P1)

The Board discussed the proposed revisions introduced by the bill. Legislative liaison Okie Allen agreed to testify at any hearings held on the bill.

MOTION: Edward Korabic moved, seconded by Alma Peters, that the Board go on record supporting the bill. Motion carried unanimously.

**2009 WISCONSIN ACT 14, RELATING TO REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS AND COCHLEAR IMPLANTS FOR PERSONS
UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

The Board noted the Act.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS RECEIVED IN THE BUREAU AFTER PREPARATION OF THE
AGENDA**

22nd Annual NCSB Conference

MOTION: Alma Peters moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to authorize Marilyn Workinger to attend the 22nd Annual NCSB Conference on September 10-12 in New Orleans, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals

WAHP is requesting a speaker from the Board for its 2010 meeting.

MOTION: Alma Peters moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to authorize Okie Allen to attend the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals 2010 Annual Meeting to address topics of interest. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Edward Korabic, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a)); consider closing disciplinary investigation(s) with administrative warning(s) (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (b) and Wis. Stat. § 440.205); consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (f)) and to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g)). Motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote. Okie Allen-yes; Thomas Fisher-yes; David Friedland-yes; Terrence Greenleaf-yes; Edward Korabic-yes; Alma Peters-yes; Marilyn Workinger-yes and Peter Zellmer-yes.

Open session recessed at 3:04 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by David Friedland, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

SCOTT C. CHASE

MOTION: Thomas Fisher moved, seconded by David Friedland, to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and proposed decision and order in the matter regarding Scott C. Chase. Motion carried. Opposed: Marilyn Workinger, Ed Korabic. Abstain: Peter Zellmer.

Peter Zellmer, advisor for the case, recused himself from discussion and abstained from voting on the matter.

07 HAD 002

MOTION: Alma Peters moved, seconded by David Friedland, to close case # 07 HAD 002 for lack of jurisdiction. Motion carried unanimously.

Consulting with legal counsel:

Noted.

Application Issues

None.

RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION SCORES

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Thomas Fisher, to ratify the scores from the July 13, 2009 examination. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dave Friedland moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.